

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 737

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Ralph Mosley on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Mosley is one such estimable person who served with distinction for 38 years at Southwestern/Great American, Inc., until his much deserved retirement on December 31, 2005; and

WHEREAS, a native of North Carolina, Ralph Mosley graduated from Ahoskie High School and the University of North Carolina, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting; and

WHEREAS, recruited by Dortch Oldham as a student salesman for The Southwestern Company, Mr. Mosley sold books and managed a sales team for four summers while in college; and

WHEREAS, after graduation from college, Ralph Mosley entered Officer Candidate School in the United States Navy and spent three years serving his country as an officer; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, Mr. Mosley commenced his illustrious full-time career with Southwestern/Great American Inc.; eleven years later, he advanced to the position of Senior Vice President for Administration and Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, by 1980, Ralph Mosley's keen business acumen and capable leadership skills had propelled him to the position of Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer for The Southwestern Company, which position he held for only three years, when he was promoted once again, this time to his ultimate position as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer; and

WHEREAS, as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Southwestern/Great American, Inc., Mr. Mosley ably guided the four different departments that comprise the company: The Southwestern Company, Great American Opportunities, Inc., Heritage House, Inc., and Family Heritage Life Insurance Company of America; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished tenure with Southwestern/Great American, Inc., Ralph Mosley has seen the revenues for the company increase from \$24 million in 1978 to more than \$250 million; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mosley is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee at SunTrust Bank, and lending his support to the Martha O'Bryan Community Center, which he serves as Chairman of the Legacy Partners Capital Enhancement Group; and

WHEREAS, an elder and active member of Second Presbyterian Church, Ralph Mosley was chosen as the 1991 Philanthropist of the Year by the Nashville Society of Fundraising Executives; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his shrewd business sense, Mr. Mosley received the Summit Award from Sales and Marketing Executives of Nashville in 1992; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Mr. Mosley was recognized for his philanthropic endeavors by the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society with the Silver Hope Chest Award; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Ralph Mosley was further honored by his peers and colleagues when he was inducted into the Academy of Achievement and awarded the Pinnacle Award from the Sales and Marketing Executives International; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mosley was further recognized in 2001 as a Seton Society Inductee by Saint Thomas Hospital for his demonstration of excellence in his profession and in his service to Saint Thomas Hospital and the greater community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mosley exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Ralph Mosley is most appreciative of the love and support of his wife, Juli, an environmental engineer and Vice President of Water Resources for Barge, Waggoner, Sumner, and Cannon; together, Ralph and Juli are the parents of Wesley, Larry, and Ben; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Ralph Mosley has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Ralph Mosley our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.